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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, JULY 11th, 1939.

The murder of Messrs. WILKINSON
and JOHNSON at Sumpu, near Hankow, rudely
displeased any belief that may have been enter-
tained that the missionary troubles in Central
China were at an end. The energetic pro-
tests of the foreign Powers and the measures
taken in consequence by the native Authorities
stopped for a time the outrages, which
horrified the civilized world a couple of years
ago, but the ill-will entertained towards
foreigners remains as great as ever and a line
of gunpowder is ready to explode the
moment a spark is applied. The accounts
received of the affair at Sumpu are as
yet very meagre, but it is suggested that
the building of a house in foreign style by the
missionaries may have been the immediate
cause of the riot in which they lost their lives.
The two victims, it seems, had not been
very long in China. One of them arrived in
November, 1937, and the other the following
year. The Rev. E. Evans, who
writes to the *Shanghai Mercury* taking
exception to certain remarks made in
that paper, seems to argue that three
years in the case of the deceased
gentlemen and two years in the case of the
other periods which do not justify the
statement that they had not been long in
China, and he states that they had "learned
the language and customs of the country."
In two or three years a person may of course
make considerable progress in the study of the
language, but with such a limited period of
residence no one could speak of the unfor-
tunate men as other than inexperienced, and
the suspicion that the catastrophe which
cost them their lives may have been due in
some measure to their own inexperience or
that of their superiors in the mission
cannot very easily be dismissed. It is well
known that the more experienced and
thoughtful missionaries disapprove of the
sending of young and inexperienced men
and women into the interior without due
preparation and guidance as calculated to
lead to just such outrages as the one that
has now to be recorded.

That the missionaries may have been in-
directly, however, is no palliation, much less
justification, for their murder, and exem-
plary punishment ought to be inflicted on the
ruffians where the riot occurred, and if it
can be shown that there has been any failure
on the part of the officials to afford due
protection, on that also. The Swedish
Consul-General at Shanghai is going to
have the murderers punished, and to get
compensation for the families of the
deceased. It is to be hoped Mr. Boock will
insist firmly on his demands. At the same
time it is not asking too much of the Mis-
sionary Societies to see that some measure of
circumspection should be exercised in the pro-
tection of mission work. The temper of the

Chinese populace is well known and the mea-
sures framed for the propagation of the Gos-
pel amongst them ought to be characterized by
proportionate prudence. Why, for instance,
should missionaries offend the prejudices of
the natives by putting up foreign buildings
in remote villages far away from any foreign
settlement and from any means of protection?
Will one soul the more be converted by reason
of the preaching hall being built in foreign
style rather than in native style? Granting
that the missionaries, having acquired the
necessary land, are entitled to erect build-
ings in foreign style—a point which it would
be difficult to establish as regards land out-
side the foreign concessions—it may none the
less be indiscreet to exercise the right
when it appears that it will excite the an-
tagonism of the populace. A series of regula-
tions have lately been promulgated with
reference to the German missions in
Kwangtung, which have received the ap-
proval of both missionaries and officials
and which it is hoped may do much to
lessen friction. It is much to be desired
that some similar code of rules should be
adopted and recognised wherever missionaries
are at work. The antagonism between the
opposing elements, between the proselytizing
zeal of the missionary and the hatred of
innovation on the part of the Chinese, is too
deep-seated to be wholly eradicated or over-
come by any code of rules, but some miti-
gation of it may be secured and the prob-
ability of outbreaks such as that which has
just cost the lives of the two Swedish mis-
sionaries at Sumpu be reduced.

The P. & O. steamer *Nizam* left Bombay for
this port on the 8th inst.
There were 1,342 visitors to the City Hall
museum last week, of whom 135 were Europeans.
The *Empress of India*, from Hongkong, ar-
rived at Nankai at 5.30 a.m. yesterday and left
at 9 p.m. for Vancouver via Kobe and Yokohama.
The Spanish Consul received a telegram
stating that a depression exists to the north-
east of Luzon.
The P. & O. steamer *City of Peking*, with mails,
left for San Francisco on the 24th inst. and
arrived at Yokohama, and leaves for this port at
4 p.m. to-day.
The C. P. steamer *Empress of Japan* arrived
at Yokohama on Sunday at 9 a.m. and sailed
again at 11 a.m. yesterday. She is due at Kobe
at 10 a.m. to-day.
H.M.S. *Frederal* left Shanghai on the 8th
inst. for Nanking in charge of the First Lieut.
tenant. Lieut. and Commander. The ship was
ill in hospital, was to follow by mail steamer.

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The *Banking Times* states that upwards of 300
Swiss women and 800 Chinese left Sumpu for
Hongkong on the 10th inst. in the *Empress of
India*, in view of the possible blockade of Bangkok.
Large numbers of Chinese also left by the
Empress of India on the 10th inst.
The attention of mariners is directed to the
fact that the *Empress of India* is advertised to
arrive at Sumpu on the 11th inst. and to leave
for the southern entrance to the Yangtze, which
has been removed for repairs and has been tem-
porarily replaced by a six-ton oiler.

The *Morning*, the first ten steamer from Han-
gong, arrived at London on the 3rd inst. and
the *Empress of India* is the first steamer from
London at 4 p.m. on the 10th inst. The first
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